

The Founder Fire



News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

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IT IS ALWAYS EASTER

Jesus was dead. "Another insurrectionist out of the way", indifferently mused the Romans. "Thank God!" sighed the Jewish church leaders, "that radical carpenter of Nazareth will no longer turn the people against us." His few followers, scattered, defeated, had gone away disillusioned, grief-stricken.

When gradually, seemingly from nowhere, strange rumors spread -- "Jesus is alive" . . . "An angel vision" . . . "He suddenly appeared in the midst of His disciples cowering behind locked doors" . . . "Instantly He appeared walking the roadside with His friends". "A stupid hoax!" muttered the Jewish churchmen. "A good joke!" bitterly laughed the proud Romans. "The hope of the World!" cried the rallying excited disciples.

Thus began our Christian Easter. Out of defeat, death, disillusionment, eternal hope was born. Again the disciples felt the calm power of their Master's presence; heard Him say, "The Kingdom of God is within you, it cometh not with outward show"; experienced the strength of His unconquerable spirit; knew that though His body had perished, He lived on because He could not die.

Easter is not just a calendar date. It is always Easter when we who are defeated, broken-hearted, disillusioned, rise amidst our dead hopes and shattered dreams to live in that courageous faith which sees the eternal good beneath and beyond the tragedies and sorrows of temporary circumstance.

- DAVID M. TROUT



E A S T E R !

How strategically timed is the celebration of this our greatest Christian feast day. I cannot imagine Easter being celebrated in the fall of the year. In the springtime all nature awakes and bursts forth into newness of life; and the resurrection story means just that for all of us,

May this Easter season mean to us a resurrection of our submerged ideals, a renewed loyalty to Jesus, and a sincere determination to live up to our best and highest self.

Just how much in earnest are you to make a fresh start in balanced fourfold living this Easter time?

- WADJEPI

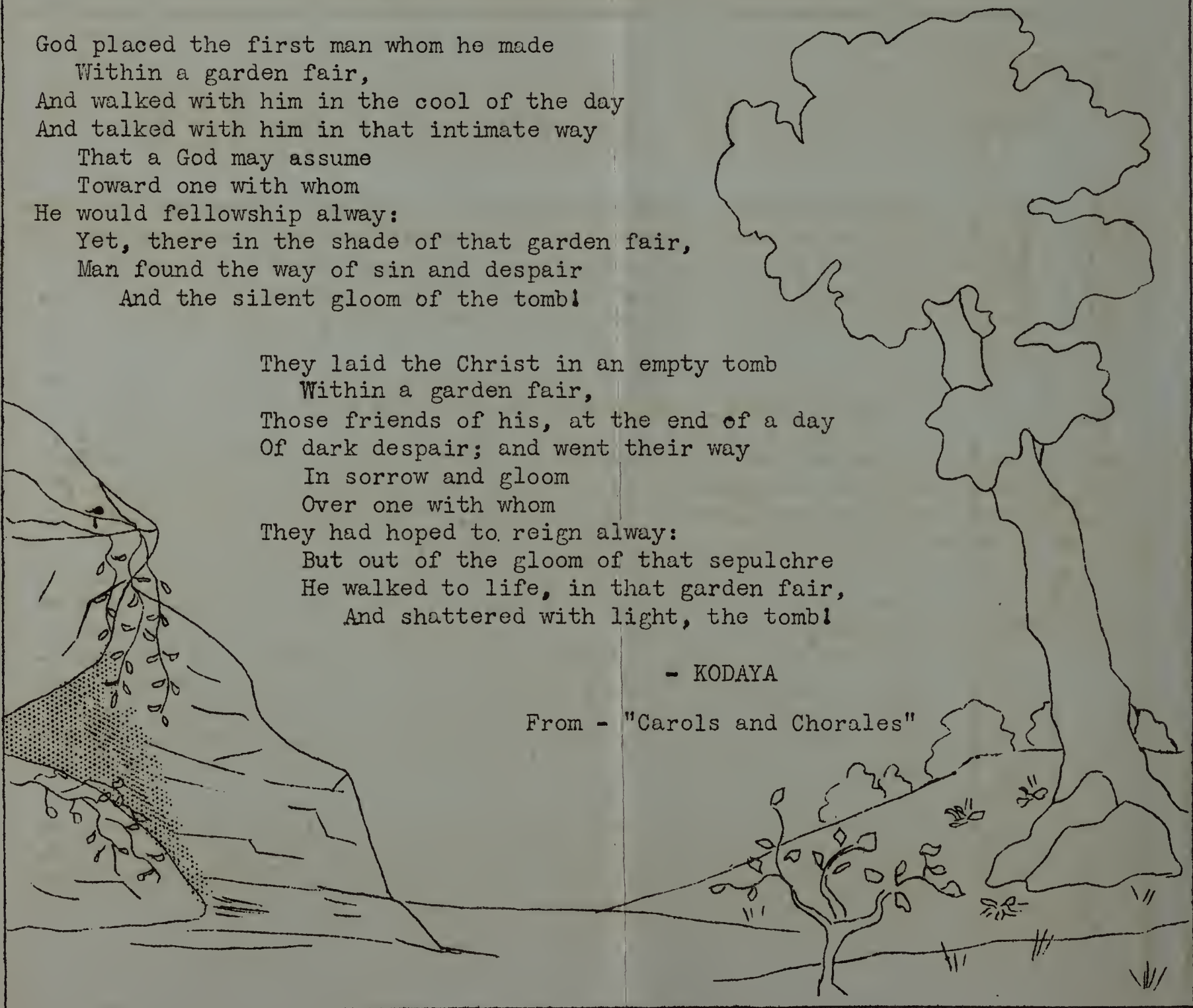
T H E G A R D E N A N D T H E T O M B

God placed the first man whom he made
Within a garden fair,
And walked with him in the cool of the day
And talked with him in that intimate way
That a God may assume
Toward one with whom
He would fellowship alway:
Yet, there in the shade of that garden fair,
Man found the way of sin and despair
And the silent gloom of the tomb!

They laid the Christ in an empty tomb
Within a garden fair,
Those friends of his, at the end of a day
Of dark despair; and went their way
In sorrow and gloom
Over one with whom
They had hoped to reign alway:
But out of the gloom of that sepulchre
He walked to life, in that garden fair,
And shattered with light, the tomb!

- KODAYA

From - "Carols and Chorales"



R. A. "DAD" WAITE RETIRES FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

On January 30, Dad Waite celebrated his 65th birthday and, coincidentally, also his retirement from active service as a member of the Directors' Staff of The American Youth Foundation. Thus, Dad, always a pioneer, is the first member of the Foundation staff to reach retirement age. The Trustees of the Foundation, at their annual meeting in January voiced their appreciation of Associate Director Waite's services in the work of the Foundation and voted that Dad's retirement be on a pension basis effective February 1, 1939.

Founder campers and leaders will be glad to learn that Dad's retirement does not mean a complete severance from the Founder Fellowship. Calls for Dad's services will undoubtedly continue to come to the Founder office. From this time on, however, Dad himself will say to what extent he will be able to fill such engagements. It is of course hoped that the Founder camps will continue to claim Dad's summers for many years to come.

With the exception of a period of approximately five and one-half years, Dad has had an official staff connection with the Founders' organization from the very beginning. He joined Kinji on the staff of The International Sunday School Association in 1917, three years after the beginning of the camp-conferences, and continued in this relationship until 1926. At that time Dad became the minister of the First Congregational Church of Kansas City, continuing in this position until the spring of 1929 when he rejoined the staff of The American Youth Foundation.

Blessed as he is with full bodily vigor and mental alertness, it is hoped that Dad will have ahead of him many rich fruitful years in which to enjoy a well-earned release from the limitations of schedule and routine and the "musts" of life.

The good wishes of all Founder friends are yours, Dad, in rich abundance!

AND HERE IS A MESSAGE FROM DAD HIMSELF!

"Chicago blizzard in the morning; camp breezes in the evening!" That's the story of my birthday. Wadjepi assures me that more than 300 of you shared in the cheery surprise that launched my retirement. What a bunch you Founders are!!! But don't think you have seen and heard the last of me. Only the official relationship has been broken with the consequent strengthening of the personal fellowship, and you all know full well that to me the cherished feature of our whole program was its vibrant fellowship. With me, as ever,

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down."

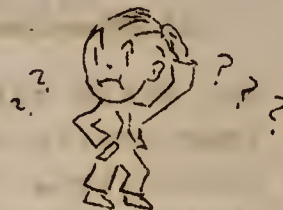
What am I going to do, you are querying. That's easily answered: bring to the boiling point five manuscripts that have been simmering through the busy years of travel, continue the pastorate already entered upon at the Brentwood (St. Louis) Congregational Church, pursue postgraduate studies at Eden Theological Seminary, and keep in letter-touch with the host who have made life so much worth living. My address is 5542 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis, where I have no regular office hours but will be "At Home" for letters or calls at any time.

If you understand Irish at all, you will know exactly how I feel when I say --
"Alannah".

Dad



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WHAT DO I REALLY WANT?

A young man came to me not long ago and talked frankly about his problems. "Why don't I get along faster? I am intelligent, willing to work, and ambitious", he said, "but I am not getting ahead".

Then growing more confidential, he told me he would like to get married. "Let's analyze your wants", I said. "You want to get ahead and you want to get married."

I noticed he looked a bit tired and underweight. I began asking him some direct questions. "How much sleep are you getting?"

He answered rather sheepishly, "Not enough, I suspect. My girl friend and I like to go to movies, and we play bridge a couple of nights a week. We have a lot of friends who invite us to parties, and we are very fond of dancing. To be quite honest, we don't get enough sleep."

"Well, the first thing I would advise", I said, "for any ambitious fellow and his girl, would be plenty of sleep. Why not set yourself a rigid rule of eight hours sleep a night?"

He did some mental figuring. He realized what a drastic change this would mean in his bedtime. "I couldn't do that", he said frankly.

That young man wanted pleasure more than he wanted advancement. He paid for pleasure, but was it worth the price for the long pull? He thought he wanted to get ahead and get married, but his program indicated that he wanted his fun a lot more.

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If I were to prophesy your growth in the years ahead, I would say, "First tell me what you want". Some people want security, but fail to realize that the greatest security of all is good health. Some want advancement, but refuse to study. Some want friends and position in their community, but aren't very good friends themselves. Some want the abundant life, but do nothing about it.

What do you Founders really want?

If my 12-page pamphlet "WHAT DO I REALLY WANT IN THE YEAR AHEAD?" will be of any help to any Founder, it is available by writing the Ralston Purina Company, 835 S. Eighth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, enclosing eight cents in stamps. I think it will dare you to be a bigger self.

- MINISINO

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* We are indebted to Dr. David M. Trout for the Easter message appearing on *
 * the cover page. Dr. Trout, Miniwanca faculty member, is head of the De- *
 * partment of Psychology and Education at Central State Teachers' College in *
 * Mount Pleasant, Michigan. *

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K O D A Y A

has been traveling about at a great rate. He left Boston shortly after the holidays for Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. He contacted approximately twenty Founder groups along the way, and if we can judge from letters which have come to the Founder office, there will be many former campers back at Merrowvista and a flock of new ones, as a result of Kodaya's visits.

Typical of the comebacks on his trip is that of Helen Appleby Arnold (Trail Blazer '23) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who sends a list of all those present at their get-together and adds, "Kodaya excelled our highest hope". At Scranton, arrangements were made for Kodaya's visit by Willis Ford, '29 grad of the Singing Sands class. Erma and Wayne "Lighthouse" MacFarland (Franconia '25 and Juniper '26 at Merrowvista) gathered the clan in Lancaster. Kodaya also paid a visit to Mr. Pedlow, principal of the high school at Chester, who for some years past has seen to it that his school is represented at Merrowvista.

IN DELAWARE

Dave Green was on the job as usual. The Jerseyites claimed a block of Kodaya's time with groups contacted through "Ma" Watson, Ginny and George Taylor, Eleanor Barlow Marker, Chuck Burrill, Cress Stuart, Capt Adams, Marion Hockenbery and Buddy Woltman. A small group of New York City Founders met with Kodaya at International House.

FOR FOLLOW-UP

our hats are off to Dot Stryker of Belle Mead, New Jersey. Dot is a Merrowvista grad (Vireos '37). Believe you me, Dot didn't let any grass grow under her feet!! Immediately after Kodaya's visit she went right to work. Here's what she wrote: "We sure had one grand visit with Kodaya! It does so much good - especially in winning new Founders. . . I went out last Sunday and visited four homes whose young people had met Kodaya. Here are the results." Dot then writes in detail about each of her prospects. She has a senior in high school definitely lined up and adds, "Our Society is helping her a bit". And then more about her other prospects.

You Founders who think you're too busy to do a little camp promotion, listen to this: "I am quite happy with the results thus far. I am terribly busy with finishing up my music at the college, teaching piano - and choir at the church where I play, BUT IN MY SPARE MOMENTS I'M GOING TO GET THIS BELLE MEAD DELEGATION WORKED UP. Tell Kodaya he sure helped me get this group really sold on the idea."

Go to it, Dot, and more power to you! We wish copies of your letter could go out to Founders everywhere. You're showing what people can accomplish if they just make up their minds to go out and do some real missionary work for Merrowvista.

AS WE GO TO PRESS

a fine letter arrives from Ann Collins, who is teaching in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She sends us the names of nineteen camp prospects recommended by those who attended Lancaster get-together. Great stuff, Ann! We need more like you. In closing her letter, Ann says, "I guess I have 'camp fever'. Ever since I have known camp, it comes along regularly with spring fever."

OVER IN WARREN, OHIO

Kodaya and Horace had a very interesting and worthwhile time in February at a Youth Week instigated by Mildred Shanley Lovett and her husband. The high school, YMCA and YWCA and the churches cooperated in plans for the week. The program included high school assembly addresses, a meeting with the Ministerial Association, informal discussions with adult advisors of youth, and as the most important feature of the week, daily discussion sessions with a picked group of high school students and a carefully chosen group of college age and business young people. To continue the work begun in these two groups, the young people have chosen certain of the subjects for further study.

IN THE GOOD OLE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Dad Waite spent the month of January. In spite of ice and snow galore, Dad met with groups in many sections of the state, addressing high school assemblies and counseling with young people and leaders. His tour was arranged by Clare Monroe, Miniwanca Older Boy leader, who is instructor in Vocational Agriculture in the public schools of Brooklyn, Michigan.

ANOTHER OF THE FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

Charles Hoffman, has been rendering fine service to the high school groups. In late January and early February he visited a number of high schools in southern Illinois, addressing assemblies of students, speaking in classes on Civics, Vocations, etc., and counseling with individual students. Here is what one of the high school principals has to say: "Mr. Hoffman's visit with us was delightful and of definite value to our school. Last year we began to set up a program of vocational education, guidance and placement, which is just now taking visible form. I am happy to say that Mr. Hoffman's visit added impetus to our program. . . Most certainly we want to be on the schedule next school year."

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

in Ramsey County, Minnesota, claimed the services of two of the Foundation Directors - Horace and Mr. Hoffman. If you'd like to get a "look-in" on a well-planned effective conference, team up with Jennie Doidge and the fine St. Paul crowd, and you'll see an honest-to-goodness job, with a fine program for high school and college and business young people.

On the Sunday following the conference, the St. Paul Founders invited all Twin City campers to meet with them to see camp pictures and to "reune" in general. It was a great gang that assembled in spite of icy streets and drifting snow. For the occasion Wadjepi furnished the tea and coffee - "Forbes Culture Ripped" of course - the kind the Orwigs serve at the leader parties at Dingle Dell. Here are the instructions Wadjepi sent: "All I ask is that you have a good coffee-maker and tell him, for the love of Mike, not to make weak coffee. Then you must promise to use good cream and after that just sit back and watch the expressions of satisfaction and contentment that steal over the countenances of those who are privileged to sip this delectable beverage." The campers decided it is a good thing Wadjepi is Director of the Foundation and not a coffee salesman, for they fear he'd have even babes in arms sipping his delectable products!!!

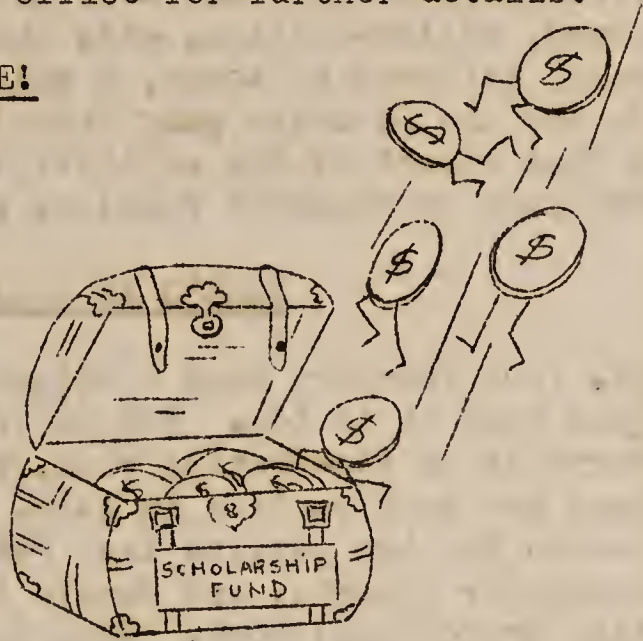


DIRECTORS' FIELD SCHEDULES

for next fall are already being planned. Milwaukee has requested the services of all Foundation Directors during one week of October for a Life-Planning Conference of high school students. Other dates for field work next year are being set now. If your school, church, or a group of organizations in your community should be interested in a Youth Week program, write the Founder office for further details.

IT'S TREASURE HUNT TIME!

When this issue of THE FOUNDER FIRE reaches you, many will have received letters from the Founder office, inviting them to have a part in securing scholarship funds to send worthy campers to Merrowvista and Miniwanca this coming summer. Many campers have chosen to send in their \$2.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00 right away and then collect their dimes afterward. Not a bad idea!!! At any rate - get right busy on this Treasure Hunt and help provide some funds to meet the scholarship requests which come to us daily. Here's your chance to render a real Founder service!



THESE FOUNDER GROUPS OF OURS ARE CERTAINLY ON THEIR TOES!

Dad Waite reports a Michigan State College Founders' dinner on January 21. After general introductions, Dad talked informally, giving interesting information and facts on Founders here, there and everywhere. The following Founders were there: Bill Bobier, Christine Horn, Belva Trickey, Leora Horning, Marjorie Goudzwaard, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hennink, Harold McGinnis, Wilfred Rolfes, Emma Sater (Geneva), Walter Schroeder, Celia Schroeder, Fredericka Morse, Don Eppelheimer, Alice Mae Wells, Eva Jeane Kiplinger, Jean Black and Peggy Harlow.

AND AT IOWA STATE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Dr. Lowe was the visiting speaker for Religious Emphasis Week, January 9-15. He brought much by way of inspiration to the students of Iowa State. On the 13th the Iowa State Founders had a get-together with Dr. Lowe, and John Dickerson reports that singing camp songs was the main order of the evening. The following Founders were present: Mrs. Robert Buck, Jean Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dilworth, Roy Kottman, Robert Eckhardt, Dorothy Clark, Florence Valencourt, Kathryn Monson, Lois Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rock, Russell Sawyer, Wm. Irwin and John Dickerson.

WE HEAR OF A MERROWVISTA GET-TOGETHER

up in Boston-town "home of baked beans, tea and coffee, smashed potatoes," etc. What a humdinger it must have been from the various reports that have come to the Founder office!!! Ruth LeRoy and the Norwood gang certainly did a splendid job. It was held at the Boston YMCA with about fifty people attending. The evening was spent in playing games, singing, talking, seeing the camp movies, eating refreshments, and then listening to a devotional service led by Kodaya. Lyn Beardslee, "Buck" and Kicica also gave brief talks. And now they're all set to have another get-together in the spring.

THE NEW JERSEY AND DELAWARE FOUNDERS NEED TWO DAYS

for a reunion, with a crowd of over fifty, including ten of the Delaware Ducks, two carloads of "Ma" Watson's South Jerseyites, several from New York City, "Buddy" Woltman's bunch, and of course the Baboons and the rest of the North Jersey gang. They met at Bob Sidner's house in East Orange, Saturday afternoon, February 5th; from there to the Park Ave. M. E. Church gym for basketball, ping pong, shuffle-board, roller-skating, etc; then dinner at Prospect Presbyterian Church in Maplewood, followed by songs, a quiz contest, business and a worship service. The South Jersey and Delaware gang stayed over for church Sunday morning. Bill Daum who sent a fine report of the activities says, "It just seems that a good time is inherent whenever or wherever Founders get together".

HERE'S AN IDEA FOR SOME OF YOU FOUNDER GROUPS!

St. Paul Founders have a unique way to increase their scholarship fund and have a good time at it too. For several years this bunch has sponsored a Founder Skating Party at an ice-skating rink, but last year the crowd was so large they decided to have two such parties in 1939. And a good idea that was, for a total of 1278 attended the two parties last February. It's quite a social event in St. Paul from newspaper reports, and Jennie Doidge and her bunch are to be congratulated on such fine promotional work. They added \$130.00 to their scholarship fund!

FROM "SHORTY" MORSE COMES THE FOLLOWING

word of a recent Founder get-together at Lexington, Kentucky. They had about forty-two at the "rally" over which Joe Lewis, president, presided. Billy Wilson, Clayton Robinson and Joe gave talks on different phases of camp life. They sang camp songs and then Wadjepi spoke and showed the camp movies. Then came a social period and refreshments. A number of prospects and parents were present. Elizabeth Cruise was in charge of arrangements. Shorty writes, "Interest and enthusiasm still lives in the hearts of Lexington Founders".

THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ST. LOUIS FOUNDERS

was held at West Presbyterian Church the evening of February 11th. There was a dandy bunch of nearly 200 Founders and their friends that turned out to hear Dr. Walter Getty of Tarkio, Missouri, the speaker of the evening. "Radio" was the general theme of the banquet and a Miniwanca variety show was presented over a real "mike" hook-up with a "Tizzie Lish" recipe given by Parnell Kallenbach as one of the high spots. Gus Gruenewald led the group in all the favorite camp songs. Bob Mueller was in charge of arrangements and presided at the banquet.

LOUISVILLE FOUNDERS ARE RIDING HIGH

so up to the Roof Garden of the Brown Hotel they went for their 14th Annual Founder dinner last February. Elizabeth Sanderson writes that, "After a bountiful repast ranging from fruit cocktail, chicken, etc. to frozen ice cream pie, interpolated with Founder Classics, the camp movies thrilled the hearts of old-timers and keyed prospects to the nth degree. Wadjepi was our guest speaker and gave what he termed a little fireside chat on "The Musts of Miniwanca" and you may be assured it was some message. Martha Love Johnson, assisted by Marvin Hooten and Billy Hagan put on the program in fine style. We here and now invite all Founders to our 15th party next February."

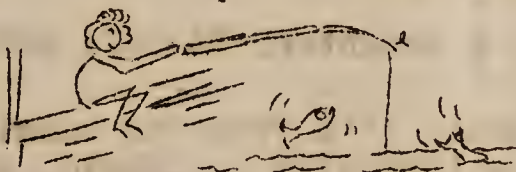
DOINGS ON THE DUNES or MUTTERINGS FROM MINIWANCA

By "Alfalpa" Ruth Dunham

THINGS I NEVER KNEW 'TIL I WENT TO OG LAST SUMMER - that 350 beautiful girls from every spot on the continent could get well-acquainted and live and work together for two weeks without disagreement or conflict ... that any one female weighing less than 100 pounds could eat ten biscuits at a sitting (write Betty Moir for details) ... that people ever really had fun at barn dances ... that sleeping on the sand raises knots like pumpkins on your shoulders unless you dig a form-fit pit before retiring ... that people under thirty could sit in a lecture class for 45 minutes and cry for more when the leader tried to stop (as in Dr. Lowe's groups) ... that sunsets could really be as beautiful as those viewed from Vesper Dune ... that 32 girls could be completely downed on the spelling of a simple little word ... that anyone could have the energy, patience, and sweetness of Horace ... that sand between the toes is more painful than sand in the spinach ... that the only way to keep shoes and clothes dry during a Michigan storm is to attach 'em to the ceiling ... that Mary Jane Grant could have more freckles when she left camp than when she came ... that Founders forget how to play baseball AFTER they graduate ... that hats as big as the one worn by Helen Rhoda Davidson (the Dayton Daisy) were allowed by law ... that anybody as nice-appearing as Minnie Maude Macaulay could be so ruthless about setting-up exercises.



REPORTS AND STATISTICS - A thorough canvass of all hamburger stands in three cities has yielded no hot-dawgs that can rival those served in the Hippodrome after the Circus. Myra McKee reports that she now has the recipe available for those cookies she hid between her mattress and springs during camp. (Mattress and Springs - the plutocrat! We thought it was a choice "between") Those poor creatures with elongated arms reaching their shoe-tops, whom you may have seen boarding the bus the last night of camp, were no kinsfolk of Alice the Goon - only the gals who lived under the Assembly Hall and lugged so much water from that faucet down in the bay that the tendons were naturally a little stretched.



HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS - Anniversaries are the nicest occasions ever, particularly when celebrated with fried chicken and memories of by-gone days. We hope you got a good view of the setting sun from the porch of the new Hospital Center. 'Tis rumored also that there was fishing going on from that porch. Wonder if the gal from Nawth Carolina ever learned to say "harmony" so it wouldn't sound like something to eat? Lib Horine and her Susques really had to work for that last place in tribal standings! Who but West Virginians could think up such state stunts? ... Life Magazine describes 'em as "untouched by the outside world!" The Union forbids such hours as the Junior Assembly Hall Decorators kept ... and why did they have to serve their ice-cream at the end of the hall directly over the "Basement Beauties'" bedroom? Can you imagine Denver Symphony audiences being any more appreciative of Florence Wagner and her harp than Founder campers? Wonder how Miniwanca looks with snow and icicles rather than gals and fellows for decorations?



Welcome To The Founder Family !!

BRANDT GREEN was born to MR. AND MRS. DAVID GREEN on December 29, 1938.

SAMUEL GARROTT WAYMER arrived December 11 at the home of MR. AND MRS. SAM WAYMER. Mrs. Waymer was formerly Sylvia Bontecue.

A son, HAROLD, was born to MR. AND MRS. HOWARD G. HARPER, on August 12, 1938.

It was also a boy for DR. AND MRS. RICHARD D. LEONARD on December 9, 1938.

"I've signed the Baby Register, so I'm a resident", says young MERRITT CAMPBELL MC CALL, whose date of arrival was February 28. His parents are the REV. AND MRS. CLARENCE FIELD MC CALL, JR.

MRS. H. W. CHRISTOPHER (Bunnie Neal) writes to say that WILLIAM NEAL CHRISTOPHER arrived on the 3rd of December to keep his sister, Elizabeth, company.

MRS. FLOYD L. TURNER, whom we knew as Helen Haggerty at Merrowvista, is now the mother of two fine sons - TOM, born in May 1936; and DICK, born in September 1937.

Barbara Griswold, who became MRS. CORLISS in September 1937, has a son born on November 5, 1938, and is planning already for him to attend camp someday!

Last October 27th, MR. AND MRS. PRESTON V. SHEWELL welcomed a new-comer, PRESTON, JR., into their family.

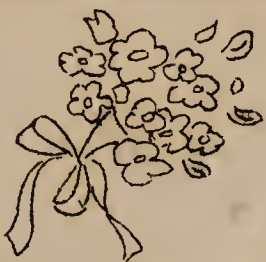
Born to MR. AND MRS. J. D. NEWBAUER, JR., a daughter, BARBARA ANN, in July 1938.

And here's a really ship-shape announcement! It's from the Ludwig Shipbuilding Company, Port Huron, Michigan. Designer - FREDERICK E. LUDWIG, M.D. Naval Engineer and Producer - JANE PINSON LUDWIG. Announcement of New Model. Christened "FREDERICK EDWIN LUDWIG, II". Launched on February 11, 1939, at the Port Huron Hospital, by JAMES ATKINSON, M.D., Commander.

We hear that there is a four-months old son in the family of MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ASHBROOK, who are now living in Brazil, South America. My, what a trip this young Founder will have to make when he plans to come to camp!

MRS. LUCY D. DICK, a leader in 1935, sends us word that DAVIE, now three years old, has a new baby sister named BRENDA ELAINE, who arrived on February 20, 1939.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. ISHAM (Lily Watkins) announce the arrival of ROBERT CHAUNCEY ISHAM on February 27, 1939.



Congratulations, Newlyweds!



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BETTY HINDS became MRS. ALFRED W. PAULEY on December 9, 1938. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Arnold H. Lowe at Kingshighway Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

PAT HANDLEY, a 1935 camper, is now MRS. THOMAS GARTON, and lives on a dairy farm near Lewisburg, West Virginia.

MARGARET FARAGHER is the wife of REV. CHARLES O. HARDING, and lives in Oswego, N.Y.

Since we last saw MILDRED D. ROSS she has become MRS. L. A. GORDON, and lives way out in Los Angeles, California.

MRS. JANET C. EVANS was JANET CAMPBELL before her marriage last August 9th.

LOIS LA MENA is now MRS. JAMES E. CLAYSON of Chicago, Illinois.

Here's news about two Merrowvista grads, both leaders in 1937. BARBARA HATCH and NELSON BUTLER were married recently, and are living at 113 Oakland Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

On April 9, 1938, GRACE POWELL became MRS. H. A. SMITH. They live in St. Paul, Minn.

IRENE WILSON, affectionately known as the "Georgia Peach", has become MRS. SANFORD B. NEISTER, and can be addressed at The Breakers, 285 Lynn Shore Dr., Lynn, Mass.

CECILE HALE is now MRS. C. H. ESMICH, and lives at 2510 Q St., NW, Washington, D.C.

FLORENCE E. ROBERTS, a Merrowvista graduate of 1926, is now MRS. C. H. ARCHER, and resides at 119 E. Eagle Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

ELEANOR MAXWELL, a leader at Merrowvista in 1926, has become MRS. EUGENE PERKINS.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD M. PRO (MARGARET PFEIL) are now building their home in Estherville, Iowa. Their marriage in March, 1938, was followed by a honeymoon in Mexico.

DARLENE BIRD is now MRS. WARREN CROSIAR. Their address is Route # 6, Utica, Ill.

DR. AND MRS. JOHN W. BOYNTON, JR., celebrated their marriage on January 14, 1939. Mrs. Boynton remarks in a note to us, "Have changed my name from ELINOR STURTEVANT - most exciting thing I've done lately!" Address: 9 Lexington Rd., Concord, Mass.

And we hear from Washington, D.C., that ELEANOR FRICK and EMERSON (ANDY) SAYLOR, both 1938 Merrowvista campers, have become Mr. and Mrs. Saylor.

CHRISTINE POWELL and ALBERT ADAMS were wedded last November.

The Isle of Scotland has claimed DOROTHY MACK, Miniwanca graduate leader of 1929, since she has become the wife of REV. CHARLES R. EBERHARDT. They can be addressed at Edinburgh, Scotland.

CHAT SHEET

* * * NEWS ABOUT THE FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP * * *

MINISINO and MRS. DANFORTH left the middle of March for a trip into the Balkans to see what is doing over there. He says he has an idea that that part of the world will be the theatre in which many exciting acts will be portrayed.

From South Dakota State College at Brookings comes word of the doings of two of our Founders. RUTH KUMLIEN was crowned Queen of the Junior Prom on February 17. ANDY SUNDSTROM was a member of a high ranking stock judging team which won second place in a contest at Denver.

MINERVA KING is at present in Turkey teaching Physics at a girls' school.

DON GIBSON writes that he received his Ph.D. degree last summer, after doing some graduate work in Chemistry at Ohio State University in Columbus, and is now doing research work with Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

For the second time in the history of Hillsdale College a co-ed is heading the College Federation, student governing body. ELINOR TROUT was installed as president in February. She is also editor of The Collegian, campus paper, and vice-president of Epsilon Delta Alpha, honorary scholastic organization.

ROSS SNYDER, formerly of Maplewood, New Jersey, is now pastor of the Congregational Church of Winnetka, Illinois.

AL GREMSE took a vacation cruise last November to Jamaica, South America and the Panama Canal Zone. These Baboons do get around!

ANN CHAPMAN, who attended both Miniwanca and Merrowvista, is now Young People's Secretary on the National Staff of the Presbyterian Church.

FLORENCE SWEET is now Director of the Department of Psychology at the State Hospital in Traverse City, Michigan.

January was a big month for AL ALSPACH, Miniwanca Older Boy leader and Aquatic Director. First of all, he was inducted into office as a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature. Secondly, announcement was made of his engagement to Miss Mary Frances Embree of St. Louis, and we understand the wedding will take place in the merry month of June. As if these two major events were not enough, Al topped it all off by going suddenly to the hospital to have his appendix removed. And believe it or not, they had to put him in the Maternity Ward -- just ask Kodaya!

Our 4-H campers certainly are doing things! RUTH LEWIS was named champion in the wool dress division of the 4-H Club National Competition held in Chicago recently. GLENN KRUSE, who was in camp in 1936, is Marshall, social chairman of the 4-H Club and editor of the county page section of the annual 4-H publication at Kansas State College in Manhattan. CHARLES ADAMS, also a 1936 camper, was the most outstanding 4-H leadership boy of Kansas in 1937. Incidentally, Assoc. Director Charles E. Hoffman was one of the leaders at the State 4-H Conference at Manhattan, Kansas, March 17-19.

ABBY STRONG NICHOLSON writes that while they are making plans for a new building for their Congregational Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, they are meeting in the K.P. Lodge Hall. She says that their campers are standing by nobly - BETTY JANE SCHMIDT in the Kindergarten, and RUTH JOSEPHSON and SHIRLEY STEVENSON in the Junior Department.

ELIZABETH WESTON is doing graduate work in Chemistry at the University of Illinois and working as a laboratory assistant.

In spite of MARY ALICE BECK'S busy schedule at Grinnell College in Iowa, with part-time work, orchestra, the WAA, Women's Forensic (an honorary speech organization), serving as pianist and Sunday School teacher at church, director of the State Project for the Iowa Pilgrim Fellowship, she still finds time to read a book every week and to take part in intra-mural sports!

BILL BARNUM reports: "Graduated from Cornell last June and have returned for graduate work in Rural Education. Several of the graduates from other states are former Miniwanca campers, and we get in some good sessions."

MARTIN MC NEIL, formerly of Boone Tavern, Berea, Kentucky, is now located at the Pennsylvania Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida. Martin studied Hotel Management at Cornell University this past summer.

Another illustration of what it means to wear your Founder Pin - GEORGE MC ELHENY met DOUGLAS STENERSON and they have been paling around together since, all because Doug happened to be wearing his first-year camp pin, which George recognized on his lapel! This happened at Harvard University where they are students this year. The big Founder Fellowship extends in every direction over the country, and your Founder Pin is your badge of introduction!



DOROTHY MAE LOFROTH tells us that she has already saved enough for next summer's camp fee, and remarks, "Even though I am far-sighted, I don't have to wear glasses yet!" That's a fine way to look at it, Dottie!

MARGARET DUNKELBERG, Iowa 4-H Club leader, writes: "The Iowa 4-H Club delegation to Camp Miniwanca had the pleasure of giving a report of their experiences for the Iowa State Fair 4-H Club Delegation. We also had the privilege of broadcasting on a radio program of the 4-H Club. In September the Miniwanca 4-H girls were invited to attend the State 4-H Conservation Camp as counselors and cabin leaders. This gave them an excellent opportunity to share their experiences first-hand with representative 4-H Club members."

EDWARD F. OUELLETE writes from The Dalles, Oregon, that after two years in Europe he is now the minister of the 1st Congregational Church there.

Here's what camp has meant to one Texas girl! She writes, "Camp Miniwanca, and that for which it stands, means more to me each day. It has enabled me to live - not just be alive and passing through - in Texas University. I didn't know that I would come back home with such changed attitudes, but I'm glad I did. And I think everybody else is, too!"

-- LAURA OEHLER

Enthusiasts for a winter camp will be green with envy to read of HERB SCHULZE'S recent jaunt to Merrowvista. Herb writes: "Started out on Friday morning in a storm for camp. Had my most promising prospect along and we arrived just after lunch and put up in the hut. After a snack we put on skis and examined the whole place. Except for a few pushes at the top of the dip path we had a good run clear to the lake. The sun came out later in the afternoon and the next day was perfectly grand. We spent the evening visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Smith and then turned in upstairs under six blankets apiece!"

ARTHUR DENNEY is supervising twenty-five counties in southwest Missouri - guiding conservation clubs, 4-H Clubs and other organizations interested in wildlife such as game, fish, wild flowers and songbirds.

JAMES GAY will graduate from Johns Hopkins Medical School this June. He is now Presiding Senior of the Kappa Delta Chapter of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, Medical Examiner of the Baltimore YMCA, and has been appointed to serve, during 1939, as House Officer at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

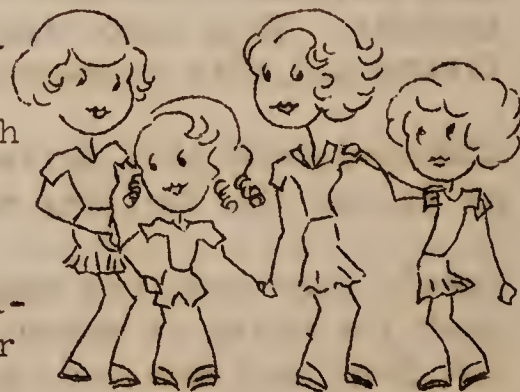
Says GRACE THOMAS, who is working with the Connecticut Children's Aid Society, "Although working with underprivileged children and young people all the time, it is an inspiration to hear of youth which is more privileged and carrying on so splendidly!"

HELEN DAVIS, 4-H Club agent at Clarksburg, West Virginia, says she is still all wrapped up in her 750 4-H Club members, and is trying to teach them to be - "Their own selves at their very best all the time".

How is this for an excerpt from the diary of a Founder? "September 1938 - Idea patented for making porous type segments for typewriters and printing devices, eliminating ribbons. October 1938 - Elected president of Society of Commercial Engineers at University of Cincinnati. February 1939 - Elected president of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Xi chapter. Spring of 1939 - Working for the 'horizon expansion' of the engineering students in the University." Perhaps you Older Boy campers of last year have already guessed that it's CARL LOHREY, 1938 grad!

TED THOMAS of Lakewood, Ohio, is now carrying both junior and senior subjects in college in order to complete his work in time to secure a job which is open to him. Ted was asked to take charge of a senior class in Philosophy recently while the professor was away. "My notes from Minisino's, Mr. Muelder's and Kodaya's classes were all invaluable help to me", says he.

Some folks are really making camp a family proposition. From one OSTERGREN family we find MARION and DOROTHY registered for OG this summer, and from the other LENORE and EVA-JANE. The POSTS sent a fine delegation last year with LOIS and JOHN in the Younger Camps and MYRTLE and ETHEL MAE in the Older. And we have hopes of seeing four of the CLAGETTS in camp this summer - SARAH, ALICE, MARGIE and TIM! Speaking of these families with four representatives, Wadjepi says they need only one more to compete for the State Shield! Some of you smaller state delegations had better beware - here's real competition for you!



"From Alaska are we -- it's a very wild countree!" - We'll see about that next summer because we're going to have at least one Miniwanca Older Boy camper from there!

JOHN RAACH is studying in London this year. He and BARNEY BLAKEMORE had a great time last fall cavorting around the British Isles, either bicycling, hiking or motoring. It gets rather cold in England during the winter, and Johnnie says he prefers the Midwest heat to the English cold. He's hoping to be back in America sometime in May.

BARNEY BLAKEMORE left England before Christmas and went across the English Channel to Paris. From there he went on to Rome, Italy. We understand he's planning to go back to England again this month.



JEAN HEUSER recently took a vacation (?) from school and went to the Missouri Baptist Hospital to have her appendix removed. She's home and doing nicely now.

A newsy chatty paper has come into the Founder office from the MERROWVISTA IWAS, this year's Older Girls third-year class. We quote the opening paragraph: "On Christmas 1938, the IWAS, in true Founder spirit, greet each other. In the spirit of the loving Christ, we follow Love. At the New Year we pledge ourselves anew to our Founder ideals, and regain energy to carry on an ever-increasing ever-producing future existence." The IWAS' Mentor is "CAPT" ADAMS and their president BETTY WOLFORD. BETTY MORLEY, secretary-treasurer, edited this paper.

STEVE ZETTERBERG is now an interne with the government at Washington, D. C.

ELLA MAY COLLINS writes that on December 30th some of the Philadelphia campers had a get-together at MARJORIE MARLOR'S house. BARBARA FULLER happened to be in town and met with them too. There was lots of talk and camp enthusiasm.

HAROLD "POSTIE" POST received an honorary D.D. from Washington & Jefferson College at Commencement time last year. Congratulations, Dr. Post!

CARL H. MOORE (1938 Danforth fellow) has the right idea. He writes that he is trying to get Rotary or some such organization in his town to pay the expenses of a fellow to Miniwanca this summer. He says he wants someone from his home town to have a camping experience such as he had last summer.

WALTER CAMPBELL recently put on a humdinger of a radio program in Kansas, telling the public all about the purpose and program of the Founder Camps.

Here is an excerpt from a letter received from a graduate camper (MARY MC DONALD) who is now the wife of a Presbyterian minister, REV. KNUD LARSON III. "Just the other day my father was telling Kal, my husband, that it was camp that made a changed girl of me. He will never forget what you did for me, and we are all most grateful."

MINISINO has contacted a number of campers in his travels about the country. He recently addressed the Engineering students at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, he sold the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Ralph Virts, on sending his son to our Younger Boys' Camp this summer.

Delaware campers are doing interesting things. DONALD MINNER received an appointment to Annapolis; LEWIS MC KAY is studying at the University of Delaware; and VIRGINIA BANNING and EDDIE CUSTER are attending business college in Wilmington, Delaware.

The BABOONS of New Jersey are selling maple syrup again this year. The proceeds from the sale of this maple syrup will be used for a scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding student of the East Orange High School. A flare for sweets - eh, Baboons? Tsk! Tsk!



DAVE GREEN is editor of a paper which the Delaware-New Jersey Founders are getting out. It certainly promises to keep those folks well posted on what's going on in those parts.

The officers of the Delaware-New Jersey Founders for 1939 are: AL GREMSE, president; ELIZABETH WALSTROM and DAVE GREEN, vice-presidents; MARJORIE KIRBY, secretary; and VIRGINIA BANNING, treasurer.

DR. J. GARROTT ALLEN is at present interning at Billings Hospital in Chicago. The findings of one of his research projects appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Garry's Founder friends congratulate him on his fine work.

Members of the Guardian Class and other camper friends are grieved to hear of the death of VIRGINIA CARNAHAN O'BRIEN. In recent years Virginia and her husband resided in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She leaves two sons, Richard and Tommy.

VIRGINIA PIPE, well-known member of the Climber Class at Miniwanca, is attending Texas University in Austin. Ginny is past president of the St. Louis Founders. Her camper friends send her best of wishes and congratulations upon the realization of her ambition to go to college.

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* Younger Boys' Camp (ages 11-17)	* June 19 to July 30	*
* Younger Girls' Camp (ages 11-17)	* June 20 to July 30	*
* Older Girls' Camp (ages 17-21)	* July 31 to Aug. 13	*
* Older Boys' Camp (ages 17-21)	* Aug. 14 to Aug. 27	*

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* Older Boys' Camp (ages 17-21)	* June 25 to July 9	*
* Older Girls' Camp (ages 17-21)	* July 9 to July 23	*
* Younger Girls' Camp (ages 11-17)	* July 24 to Aug. 20	*

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HOW'S THIS FOR A RECORD?

All but two of the pioneer 1937 Merrowvista Younger Girl campers returned in 1938. Of the two, one entered the Older Girls' Camp. Looks like they're a bunch of satisfied customers, wouldn't you say? It was a good camp last summer with Buddy Woltman as Director, Mrs. Blair, Barbara Fuller, Dr. Agnes Gowdey, Mildred Herold, Helen Peck and "Grandma" Woods as leaders, and "Gus" Woltman as Business Manager.

The 1939 season for this newest of Founder units already looks bright. Eleanor "Tommy" Weston, and other Founders will join the leadership staff and a number of the former leaders will be back. Additional archery supplies are being purchased and there will be more and better craft equipment. (And sh-h-h, there may be a Sponson canoe.)

You Merrowvista-ites, get your Younger Girl prospect names to Horace - on the blank at the back of this issue of THE FOUNDER FIRE. And send them NOW! Ages 11-16 years. You Miniwanca campers who read this may have friends in Merrowvista territory. Suppose you send some names, too.

Founders who have had "personal representatives" in this new Younger Girl unit are: Tommy and Elizabeth Weston, Bess Miles, Elinor Pederson, the Richards of Pekin, Illinois, Laura Smith Grahn, the Springfield, Massachusetts campers, Eleanor Marker, Buddy Woltman, Mrs. Blair, and Mr. Avery.

THERE'S THE MINIWANCA YOUNGER GIRLS' CAMP, TOO!

But frankly, we're putting the soft pedal on a bit when it comes to that camp, for over 100 girls are registered now and the enrolment limit is 150. If any of your friends are definitely interested for this summer, let us know posthaste, while there are still available places.

AND NOW, A WORD TO OLDER GIRL AND BOY CAMPERS!

Wadjepi says to send in those registration cards!!! Don't expect us to have to GUESS you're coming back. We want to have your card actually in our files, so we know how many former campers will be back. Remember, former campers, -- we're giving you first chance. Last year we reached top enrolment at Miniwanca and had increased numbers at Merrowvista.

So, first of all - send us your own registration. Next - send your prospect names on the last page blank. This applies to both Merrowvista and Miniwanca folks. Take Old Man Procrastination by the neck and throw him right smack out the window - and let us hear from you!



TURN OVER THE PAGE NOW

and have a treat. A real boy's letter from a real boy - Jack Lilly, '38 Younger Boy camper at Miniwanca. What he says is typical of the way most of the Younger Boy campers feel. Wouldn't you like to introduce some boy of your acquaintance to the fine fun of Founder camping? Here's your chance!

*** S E E B A C K P A G E P R O S P E C T B L A N K ***

Dear Wadjeji,

Camp Minniewanka sure is swell. I like to swim in Stony Lake very much. The food at Camp is excellent. I always fill up too quick on it. The tribal games in the afternoon are sure alot of fun. When I have a free period I dont know what to do because there are so many things. I usually play tennis or ping-pong. I'll never forget the beautiful sunsets I saw up at hillside.

I always look forward to a good time at night's doings, because there is always one.

I can hardly wait until June 19 rolls along, because that's when Camp starts!

Very truly yours,

Jack Lilly